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Subject: KYLE, C. FAIN

FOIPA No. 1069480- 000

Dear Requester:

The enclosed documents were reviewed under the Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA), Title 5, United States Code, Section 552/552a. Deletions have been made to protect information which is exempt from disclosure, with the appropriate exemptions noted on the page next to the excision. In addition, a deleted page information sheet was inserted in the file to indicate where pages were withheld entirely. The exemptions used to withhold information are marked below and explained on the enclosed Form OPCA-16a:

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59 page(s) were reviewed and 45 page(s) are being released.

☐ Document(s) were located which originated with, or contained information concerning other Government agency(ies) [OGA]. This information has been:

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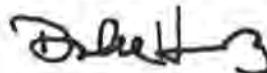
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☐ The enclosed material is from the main investigative file(s) in which the subject(s) of your request was the focus of the investigation. Our search located additional references, in files relating to other individuals, or matters, which may or may not be about your subject(s). Our experience has shown, when ident, references usually contain information similar to the information processed in the main file(s). Because of our significant backlog, we have given priority to processing only the main investigative file(s).

If you want the references, you must submit a separate request for them in writing, and they will be reviewed at a later date, as time and resources permit.

☐ See additional information which follows.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Hardy", with a stylized flourish at the end.

David M. Hardy  
Section Chief  
Record/Information  
Dissemination Section  
Records Management Division

Enclosure(s)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Rev. C. F. Kyle

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1108 NEVIN Ave., Richmond, Calif.

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February 17, 1964

SA [REDACTED]

REV. CLIFFORD FAIN KYLE, aka John Harris  
Racial Matter

Officer [REDACTED] Richmond PD is assigned by [REDACTED] to handle liason matters for the PD concerning racial matters. He has a confidential file on the above, instituted when KYLE was a complainant that someone was calling him and threatening him for his views concerning the integration problem. Richmond Police officers had an altercation with him recently when he had a revolver on his person at his office recently. The following is a summary of information concerning KYLE.

KYLE was born in Tennessee, 4/4/01. He is a Negro residing at 4413 McGlothen Way, Richmond, telephone 233-3932. He is married and has some children. He is on the ANC program for his children. He maintains offices for the organization he has formed, DISCARD (Dedicated Independent Society Committee Against Racial Demonstrations, Inc.) at 1103 Nevin Avenue, Richmond, Phone, 233-1731, mailing address P.O. Box 1134, Richmond, California. This organization was incorporated under California States non-profit organization laws, State Secretary incorporation number 461067, 11/19/63. The officers of this organization are: President - C.F. KYLE; [REDACTED] Officer - [REDACTED]

KYLE has the following arrest record as FBI # 1987193;

- 7/26/19 - As JOHN HARRIS, arrested Mansfield, Ohio, Grand Larceny, released 10/12/21.
- 11/8/24 - Traffic offense arrest, Chicago, Ill., \$15.00 fine
- 4/10/40 - Arrested Hartford, Conn. PD, Sex Offense - unnatural sex act involving woman other than wife. 5/13/40 - 6 months Co Jail.
- 1/25/46 - Applied for Chauffers permit, Chicago, Ill.

In 1955 KYLE rented a Theater in San Diego for six months for holding religious meetings. He had a radio program in Oakland as a preacher for several months. On 10/25/60 he filed incorporation papers for a non-profit organization, with the California State Secretary, # 404352, for the International Baptist Convention, Rev. C.F. KYLE, President, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] There is no indication that there are any churches or other religious bodies connected with this group and it is believed it is simply a paper organization of KYLE's.

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KYLE told Officer [redacted] that he was an associate Pastor at the Morning Star Baptist Church, 1136 - 34th Street, Oakland but [redacted] there said he can, but occasionally, was not on the payroll and only helped on occasions.

On 2/10/64 KYLE spoke before a group of East Bay people, transmitted over the radio. The 2/15/64 issue of "LET FREEDOM RING", published by the Berkeley Task Force, P.O. Box 558, Berkeley, California, Editor, FRED HUNTLEY, has an article concerning the speech. It was entitled, "A Negro looks at Civil Rights Organizations and Leaders - a Dissenting opinion". The speech reportedly claimed that Negro integration leaders were making heavy amounts of money in their speeches, etc. He claimed that at a Civil Rights Meeting recently in Oakland, attended by about 9,000 people, between \$9,000 and \$15,000 was taken in and the expenses included only \$3,000, the speaker getting \$2,100 of this. The rest went to 4 Oakland and one Berkeley Negro ministers according to the speaker, KYLE. He also claimed that a year ago there was a mass meeting in Los Angeles where \$75,000 to \$150,000 was raised and used wrongly. He is admittedly opposed to REV MARTIN LUTHER KING and others involved with groups who advocate demonstrations, etc. b6 b7C

KYLE was interviewed by SA [redacted] and the writer 2/17/64 at which time he reviewed his establishment of DISCARD. He furnished a copy of a letter he wrote to [redacted] operator of a radio station there, which letter sets forth background on DISCARD and also background on KYLE. He stated that he feels strongly that Negro leaders as KING are making tremendous amounts of money speaker and soliciting in furtherance of the integration question. He is strongly opposed to demonstrations of any kind and feels that the proper way for the Negro to establish himself is through education and activities proving they are capable of living integrated with other races.

KYLE is living with his family, consisting of his wife and six children at 4413 McGrothen Way, Richmond. He was deputized as a deputy Municipal Court Marshall by San Pablo Municipal Marshall [redacted]. He has a badge and a card showing his commission to expire 1/1/65. On January 29, 1964, he was arrested by Richmond Police on a charge of pulling his 38 caliber automatic on four private citizens who were in his office in a dispute involving the housing bill and Negroes. This case is pending in Richmond Courts at the present time and he has entered a plea of not guilty.

SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (157-342)

February 18, 1964

SA [REDACTED]

REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING  
RACIAL MATTER

On February 17, 1964 SA [REDACTED] and the writer interviewed Rev. CLIFFORD FAIN KYLE at the offices of DISCARD (Dedicated Independent Society Committee against Racial Demonstrations, Inc.) 1108 Nevin Avenue, Richmond, California. A memorandum for the file on KYLE and his background is set forth separately for the file on KYLE.

KYLE stated that on Friday, February 14, 1964 he received a call from [REDACTED] who told him that she had been talking to a [REDACTED] and was told by her that [REDACTED] was in a rest home on this date, picking up some clothing for the rummage sale stores on 7th street, just off Nevin and she overheard a man in another room say that MARTIN LUTHER KING was to tell him the date for the start of the struggles and the overthrow of the government. Rev. KING stated he induced [REDACTED] to have [REDACTED] call him at his offices to give the story to him, so it could be recorded. [REDACTED] made the call and the conversation was recorded. It lasted about 15 minutes and REV. KYLE allowed the interviewing Agents to listen to it.

The tape is not all clearly legible but [REDACTED] stated that she was in a rest home, name or place not given, this date to pick up some articles for the rummage sale store. While there she overheard a man in a bedroom next to the room she was in. She did not see this man, did not know who was in the room and heard no names of the people in the room. The man was talking about the visit of REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING, in Richmond this date to speak at Contra Costa College in the evening at a public meeting. He was evidently known to the man in the other room personally and this man made a statement that KING was the man they were to look to for "taking over" and he was the man who would give them the date or time. He allegedly talked like there was an organized group ready to take over the country by force, but [REDACTED] did not say that this was stated specifically. She did not say that it referred specifically to the Communists but she assumed that this was so, blaming them for the troubles existing today between the white people and the Negro in the United States.

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Rev. KYLE stated that he did not know [ ] personally and did not know anything as to her reliability. He stated that he felt this was true as he has been talking publicly against the activities and methods of REV KING for a long time. He organized DISCARD to oppose the methods of KING and others who advocate physical actions in the integration struggles. He has long felt KING is a Communist and has challenged him to public debate on this on all issues involving the Negro integration problems. He has used public sources of information in his claims that LINK is a Communist. He has exhibited clippings from various newspapers around the country who have set forth lists of so called front groups. KING has been affiliated with and has a clipping from an Atlanta paper with a picture showing KING in attendance at a communist training class. He turned over to the writer a copy of a Affidavit of [ ] who states he is a former counterspy for the FBI and Rev. MARTIN LUTHER KING is the person set forth at meetings of the Communist Party in Santa Clara County as the individual to whom Communists should look and rally around in the Communist struggle on the many racial issues. This affidavit is dated 9/28/63 and attached to the original of this memo. b6 b7C

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MARTIN LUTHER KING  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

On this date the Reverend C.F. KYLE, who described himself as a negro preacher, telephonically contacted the writer and advised that he resides at 1108 Nevin Ave., Richmond, Calif., telephone 233-1731.

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The Reverend Kyle advised that he is the head of an organization called DEDICATED INDEPENDENT SOCIETY COMMITTEE AGAINST RACIAL DEMONSTRATIONS. He advised that he has been informed by a white lady that she overheard a conversation in a colored rest home in North Richmond. He advised that she related that this conversation she overheard was a conversation by an unknown colored man who visited this rest home with a patient in the home. According to Rev. Kyle this woman claimed she overheard this unperson saying that Martin Luther King said that he would give the date when the communists are going to take over. He stated that he recorded his phone call with woman and would like an agent to hear his recording.

The Rev. Kyle stated that he has challenged Martin & Luther King to a debate and the TV stations have reported on his challenge. He also stated that he has been beaten up in his office because of his attitude towards King. He further stated that he has written the Attorney General challenging his statement that there is no communist influence in the civil rights fight and states that he has documentation that King attended a communist run school in Tennessee and has been affiliated with 68 front groups.

It is recommended that Rev. Kyle be contacted unless there is some reason for not contacting on Monday.

*Subject of Case*  
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A review of file 9- 1229, reflects that in 1957 CLIFFORD F. KYLE, a negro bishop in Richmond, Calif., was the victim in an extortion case that was closed. Kyle was described by another negro minister as controversial, shrewd, and intelligent, and was involved at one time in a dispute with other ministers over Radio Station KSAN. He was also described as a person who has antagonized other ministers. It is not known whether he is identical with complainant. At

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## Rev. Kyle Trial Date Is Delayed

Trial date for the Rev. Clifford Kyle, 62, charged with threatening four persons with a gun, has been continued until March 26.

Kyle, of 4413 McGlothen Wy., has asked for jury trial on the count after the incident which occurred in his offices at 1108 Nevin Ave. on Jan. 29.

Head of an organization known as DISCARD (Dedicated Independent Society Committee Against Racial Demonstrations) Kyle assertedly threatened real estate broker Clarence Alex, 45, Arthur Thomas, 40, and two others with a gun they told police.

Police disarmed Kyle but they said he grabbed the gun from them and shoved it into his pocket. Officers Gene Axelson and David Abbey took the gun from him, reports said.

Until last week, Kyle had been represented by Attorney Tsar Calfee. Calfee has since withdrawn as Kyle's counsel.

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Richmond,

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (157-342)

DATE: February 25, 1964

FROM : SA

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SUBJECT: REV. CLIFFORD FAIN KYLE  
RACIAL MATTER

Attached hereto is a copy of a police report of the Richmond PD concerning and arrest of the above, 1/29/64 on a charge of Resisting Arrest. The charge has since been reduced to displaying a weapon illegally - a misdemeanor.

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Dr. Martin Luther King, President  
Southern Christian Leadership Conference  
332 Auburn Avenue  
Atlanta, Georgia.

January 29, 1964 It will be my purpose to show:

Dear Doctor King:

Since there are many well-meaning people who follow your teachings and are being deceived and blinded by you; and. . . Since there are in circulation numerous copies of a certain "Affidavit" bearing the name "George E. Searles" as Notary Public and the "Affiant" is listed by the name [redacted] who swears under oath and penalty of perjury that "one Reverend Martin Luther King has either been a member of, or willingly has accepted support from, over 60 Communist fronts, individuals, and/or organizations, which give aid to or espouse Communist causes; and. . . Since the "American Opinion Speakers Bureau" at Brookfield, Massachusetts, has in circulation numerous announcements concerning the [redacted] of Bell Street Baptist Church in Montgomery, Alabama, and [redacted] of the Montgomery Improvement Association when that organization, under Martin Luther King participated in the Montgomery bus boycott, and subsequently broke with King and MIA and wrote his book, The Montgomery Story. In his booklet Dare Negroes Follow Martin Luther King?, [redacted] wrote, in 1962, "A communist group attempted to make a sizeable financial contribution to the Montgomery Improvement Association (MIA) when I was active in the Montgomery bus boycott and [redacted] of the MIA. This contribution was refused only after [redacted] of the MIA and myself threatened to resign our positions. I recall that King did not object to receiving the money. Subsequently, [redacted], and I resigned as [redacted] of the organization and. . . Since you do teach that civil disobedience, passive resistance and integration is legal, lawful and Scriptural; and. . . Since you do teach that demonstrations are constitutional, helpful, wise and non-violent; and. . . Since you do teach that this kind of force and pressure should be used to obtain freedom now; and. . . Since you are continually soliciting and reportedly receiving millions in donations and contributions; and. . . Since you are setting a very bad example before other ministers and laymen by your selfish, unwise, selfstyled, leadership and actions; and. . . Since you are misleading God's people through false teaching with regard to what they should do in order to obtain for themselves equality and civil rights; and. . . Since you are continually handling the word of God deceitfully in your madness and folly to play and prey upon the unlearned, inexperienced and emotional type of both races for self aggrandizement; and. . . Since you are reaping a great harvest from those that are gullible by promising them liberty, the Bible says "While they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption; and Whereas the world would be better off without any individuals of the aforementioned type and shrewdness.

I, therefore, challenge you Dr. Martin Luther King, to a public debate, to be held at the Richmond California Civic Auditorium on Friday, February 14, 1964, seeing that you already have a speaking engagement here at the Contra Costa Junior College on the evening of this same date, February 14, 1964, which should make it convenient for you.

All the expense in connection with using the Richmond Civic Auditorium for said debate will be shared equally by your organization "The Southern Christian Leadership Conference" and "Dedicated Independent Society Committee Against Racial Demonstrations, Inc., (DISCARD).

This means that there will be no charge for admission, consequently no individual or group of individuals will profit financially from this "debate" that will do down in history as one of the greatest historical events in the cause of Jesus Christ, truth, Christianity and righteousness. Christendom needs such polemics.

Should you for any reason indicate an unwillingness to share in the expense of the Auditorium, DISCARD will assume all responsibility for the total expense of the auditorium providing you accept this challenge in writing, promising at the same time that you will appear.

In this debate you may have whoever and as many as you like for "seconds," e.g., Seminary professors, Moderators, Bishops, Bible students, Preachers, Theologians or Educators. I shall appear alone, armed with Holy Scripture, certain information pertaining to constitutional government and other documentary evidence.

1. That you are insincere and that you have ulterior motives when it comes to all you are doing as the leader so called of the civil rights movement.

2. That you, and no other minister of God's present day church has ever been called or sent to preach or teach either passive resistance, civil disobedience, integration or segregation.

3. That contrary to your belief, there is absolutely nothing in the Holy Scriptures that will justify you or anyone using the kind of force and pressure that is being thrust upon various ones for the purpose of compelling these good people to submit to your will and demand for civil rights; to the contrary the Bible teaches to "Give place unto wrath," "That it is better to suffer wrong than to do wrong," "To be patient in tribulation," "Whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain," "Vengeance is mine, I will repay saith the Lord," etc.

4. That god always has commanded His people to hold the peace, and he would fight their battles for them. b6 b7C

5. That according to Scripture "The battle is the Lord's" therefore, the people should never try to fight the Lord's battles.

6. That God, always has commanded all people to "Honor the King," "Obey Magistrates," "Be obedient to masters," "Be subject to the higher powers," "Submit yourselves to every Ordinance of man," etc.

7. That no individual has a right to take the law into his own hand no matter how long he may have been waiting for justice and fairplay."

8. That if anyone in this country has really been the victim of the white man's unfairness and mistreatment. . . it is the Indian, for it was the Red men, not the Black men, who were in possession and thereby the rightful owners of this country when the white man first set foot upon this soil, and instead of negotiating for the purchase of this American land, the white man has all but killed off the whole "Indian race."

9. That not with standing this fact and truth, and also the fact that the Indians have been treated worse and suffered much longer than Negroes, still the fact remains that the Indians are not rising up and taking the law into their own hands, neither are the Indians doing any demonstrating in order that the many injustices heaped upon them might be righted."

10. That though it be a slow process, the Indians are relying instead upon the "Indian Commission" to handle their grievances in an orderly fashion and legal way, and little by little they are making gains and progress which will be lasting because it is being done right. This is not true with Negroes that follow your leadership Dr. King.

11. That you are causing Negroes to lose friends rather than gain friends, and that that which appears to be gains will never last, for anything that is forced upon a people by the kind of tactics you are using. . . will never endure."

If I am wrong in my above charges against all civil rights leaders and you, then I believe that you owe it to me and to the public to prove me wrong from Scripture, openly and publicly, for my views are also held by many well-informed, devout and sincere Bible-believing Christians and non-Christians in these United States and throughout the Earth.

If I am correct you should want to be corrected publicly (as the Apostle Paul corrected Peter. See Galatians 2:11-14, and you should desire that those who follow your teachings also be corrected. The things involved are eternal verities and eternal souls, so the stakes are high. May I have your gentlemen's acceptance to this challenge right away? The matter is urgent!

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**\$10,000 Gift  
For Rev. King**

S.F. Examiner Monday, Feb. 17, 1964

HOLLYWOOD — (UPI) — The Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. yesterday was presented a check for \$10,000 by California Atty. Gen. Stanley Mosk on behalf of a small group of Los Angeles and Hollywood civil rights supporters.

Mosk made the presentation at a dinner at which King was the keynote speaker. The dinner, for proponents of the Rumford Housing Act, was sponsored by the Consolidated Realty Board of Los Angeles.

*[Signature]*  
Notary Public

S.F. Examiner Thursday, Feb. 13, 1964

**Clergyman's Challenge  
To King Unanswered**

The Rev. C. Fain Kyle of Richmond, who two weeks ago challenged Negro leader Martin Luther King to a public debate on integration, said yesterday the invitation has not yet been accepted.

King will speak tomorrow evening at the Mount Diablo campus of the Contra Costa County Junior College.

Rev. Kyle, a Negro, said he has made arrangements to have the Richmond Civic

Auditorium available for debate at King's convenience.

"We both believe in integration," Kyle said. "I just don't agree with the way King and members of the Congress of Racial Equality are going about it."

"They are pushing to the point that genuine integration efforts are imperiled and I am prepared to debate this fact with him."

A MINISTER OPPOSES THE ELECTION OF  
PHILLIP BURTON TO CONGRESS

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WHY AM I, a minister, involved in an effort to block Assemblyman Phillip Burton's election to the U. S. Congress? I believe that as my heavenly citizenship under God demands fulfillment of certain responsibilities so does my earthly citizenship in a free nation whose government is based on godly ideals and spiritual principles. There are forces at work today striving to undermine and eventually destroy this foundation. And so, because I love my country, because I am my brother's keeper, and because I want my children to share in the heritage left to us by our forbears, I must leave my armchair world of ideology and stand shoulder to shoulder with the too few others who are fighting for the preservation of our freedom—out where the battle is being waged. I speak as a father with a stake in his children's future, as a minister calling for application of moral principles to government, and as an ordinary private citizen concerned about his nation's security. Mr. Burton's candidacy is vital to every American, because there are alarming implications in his public record on matters related to national security!

PHILLIP BURTON'S PUBLIC RECORD ON THESE SUBJECTS SHOULD BE KNOWN BY EVERYONE:

1. Opposes registration of Communists. (CITE: Sept. 1950 speech to S.F. Supervisors).
  2. Opposes U.S. Congressional investigation of Communist subversive activities.  
CITE: May 1960 speech at Union Square to students (followed by march on City Hall that ended in riots). CITE: Letter of Jan. 1964 from Fair Play for Cuba headquarters here under the name of Citizens Committee to Preserve American Freedoms (Lee Harvey Oswald was a member of the FPC Committee) endorses Burton and quotes him regarding the Congressional investigating committee: "I will do all in my power to abolish it" (i.e., if elected to Congress).
  3. Wants repeal of Oath of Loyalty to the U. S. now required of our state legislators and other public officials. (CITE: Bills co-introduced by Burton 1957 and 1960).
  4. Opposition to nuclear testing by the U. S. in 1962 when large-scale Soviet testing was going on. (CITE: Legislature resolution supporting President Kennedy's decision opposed by Burton Mar. 22, 1962).
  5. Actively participated in Everyman's Peace Festival July 23, 1962, which proposed unilateral disarmament (i.e. U. S. should disarm even though Soviets do not). Burton was censured by fellow state legislators.
  6. Lists identified Communist and leftist National Lawyers Guild officer as sponsors.  
CITE: Sponsorship letter, Burton headqtrs; Benjamin Dreyfus and [redacted]
  7. Urged that the National Lawyers Guild, legal bulwark for Communists, be kept off the Attorney General's subversive org'ns list. (CITE: Jan. 1956 public statement).
  8. Against wiretapping by law enforcement agencies in criminal and espionage cases.  
CITE: Bill co-introduced by Burton in March 1960.
  9. Against courts issuing injunctions in strikes and other labor disputes even when national security is at stake. (CITE: Bill co-introduced by Burton May 1961).
  10. Has fought repeatedly against tighter laws to control obscenity and pornography.  
CITE: His legislative record on this; Calif. Assoc'n of District Attorneys.
  11. Wants elimination of the law requiring patriotic exercises (i.e. the pledge of allegiance to the American flag) by our school children. (CITE: The law—A.B. 292—opposed by Burton May 1961. CITE: Statement to students at Hastings Law School Jan. 31, 1964, condemning pledge-of-allegiance requirements).
  12. Introduced Assembly bill which would make it a criminal offense to ascribe Communist or subversive actions or implications and thus damage a [redacted] election.
- PHILLIP BURTON'S RECORD IS CLEAR. LOOK AT IT AS A WHOLE. IT SPEAKS FOR HIMSELF.  
IT SPEAKS FOR HIM! And Phillip Burton will speak for us if he is elected.

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## Trial Today On Minister Gun Charge

Jury trial for the Rev. Clifford Kyle, 62, opened today with selection of jurors to hear the charge that the suspect threatened four people with a gun last Jan. 29.

Yesterday Municipal Judge Charles H. Baldwin heard motions to quash some of the 25 subpoenas issued by Rev. Kyle. Deputy District Attorney Samuel Mesnick argued that several of those who have been called as witnesses had no personal knowledge of the case and that any testimony they offered would be irrelevant.

Rev. Kyle's attorney, Richard Frisk, of Berkeley, placed his client on the stand and Rev. Kyle alleged that his arrest was part of a plot against him.

The accused heads an organization known as DISCARD (Dedicated Independent Society Committee Against Racial Demonstrations.) which has offices at 1108 Nevin Ave.

As a result of yesterday's hearing, Judge Baldwin dismissed the following as witnesses: District Attorney John A. Nejedly, Municipal Judge John I. Pierce, Capt. Earl Fitch, Officer Roland Stegeman, the Revs. R. B. Blackmore, C. W. Newsome, Robert Johnson and W. A. Nelum, Mrs. Helen Kocher, N. C. Drennan and Gilmore Stinson.

To be called as witnesses will be Police Chief Charles E. Brown, Lt. Frank Barrett, Sgt. Robert Wood, Officers David Abbey and Gene Axelson, Jim Wood, San Pablo Marshal Ed Wright, Clarence Alex, the Revs. G. J. Williams and J. H. Wilson, Arthur Thomas, Leon Hunter, John Haynes and Douglas Hayden.

Although Judge Baldwin heard the motion to quash the subpoenas yesterday, the trial judge will be Judge E. A. Quaresma of the Fremont Municipal Court.

Frisk, Rev. Kyle's attorney, also filed a demurrer to the complaint but Judge Baldwin ruled that the demurrer be heard before the trial begins today.

The Rev. Kyle was arrested in his offices after real estate broker Clarence Alex alleged that the suspect threatened him with a gun. Police said the argument was over the goals and methods of DISCARD, the Rumford Act and racial demonstrations.

Officers Axelsen and Abbey said they had to grapple with Rev. Kyle in order to take his gun from him.

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## Kyle Trial Snag: Panel Exhausted

Rev. Clifford Kyle's jury trial ran into a delay yesterday afternoon when the panel of 30 on the jury list was exhausted with only 11 persons selected.

With still one more seat to be filled, the marshal's office was busily trying to contact more prospective jurors by phone at 4 p.m. yesterday. If this move failed to produce the necessary number, bailiffs were ready to draft citizens from the street.

Deputy District Attorney Sam Mesnick had four challenges left while Richard Frisk, Rev. Kyle's attorney, had used all his. The case is being heard by Municipal Judge E. A. Quaresma of Fremont.

Rev. Kyle has been charged with threatening with a gun last Jan. 29 when several men came to his office to discuss racial and political issues. Rev. Kyle has claimed that his arrest was part of a long-time plot against him.

He issued subpoenas to 25 persons but the district attorney's office won motions to quash 11 of them, including subpoenas to District Attorney John A. Nejedly and Judge John I. Pierce.

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Richmond Independent

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Editor: C. Richardson

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## Two Testify In Kyle Case

Two men testified yesterday that the Rev. Clifford Kyle pointed a gun in their direction to climax a discussion they were having in the latter's office Jan. 29.

The testimony came during the second day of trial and after a jury of three men and nine women were selected to hear the charge that Kyle threatened the victims with an automatic.

Clarence Alex, Richmond real estate man, and Arthur Thomas, said that Kyle pulled the gun at them in Kyle's offices at 1108 Nevin Ave. during a discussion on racial demonstrations and other political and moral issues.

Officer Gene Axelson was the third and last person to testify at municipal court trial Friday, which recessed at noon until 9:15 a.m. Monday. The policeman told of Kyle's arrest and how he was disarmed.

Deputy District Attorney Sam Mesnick is presenting the case for the people while Attorney Richard Frisk is Kyle's attorney.

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## Kyle Tells Of Arrest At Trial

Rev. Clifford Kyle, testifying in his own behalf, told of the events surrounding his arrest Jan. 29 for allegedly displaying a gun during a discussion.

Kyle took the stand yesterday in Richmond Municipal Court shortly after the people finished its case against him. The case is being heard by Judge E. A. Quaresma of Fremont.

Questioned by his attorney, Richard Frisk, Kyle told of the incorporation of his organization, DISCARD, last Nov. 19. DISCARD stands for Dedicated Independent Society Committee Against Racial Demonstrations. Kyle is its executive director and founder and the national office is at 1108 Nevin Ave.

It was in these offices that Kyle allegedly displayed a gun in a threatening manner in the climax of a political and racial discussion. He was arrested and was subsequently released on posting bail of \$800.

Testimony, which began Friday, is expected to be completed sometime today when the jury is expected to get the case. Kyle's counsel said he expected to call on more witnesses after his client is through testifying.

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## Kyle Gun Case Nears Close Here

A Richmond Municipal Court jury is slated to receive today the case of the Rev. Clifford Kyle, ending a trial of five days and a long parade of witnesses.

Rev. Kyle was accused of threatening two Richmond men with a gun during an argument last Jan. 29 and running them out of his office at 1108 Nevin Ave.

The accused man is the founder and president of an organization known as DISCARD (Dedicated Independent Society Committee Against Racial Discrimination). Richmond is the location of the group's headquarters.

Shortly before noon yesterday, the jury was taken to the location of the incident where they viewed the office, interior and spots of what was purported to be Rev. Kyle's blood he said he spilled in the altercation.

The suspect suffered a cut finger in a struggle with police over his gun, according to testimony, and required medical treatment.

The case is being heard by Judge E. A. Quaresma, of Fremont. Kyle is represented by Attorney Richard Frisk and the district attorney's office by Sam Mesnick.

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## Jury Acquits Kyle Gun Threat Charge

Rev. Clifford Kyle, 62, was acquitted of threatening two men with a pistol after a municipal court jury deliberated for four and one-half hours yesterday.

The verdict of innocent was returned by a panel comprised of nine men and three women who heard four days of testi-

Henry Roloff, state commissioner of economic development and planning, said the government-owned Alaska Railroad, the only one in the state, should be open north to Fairbanks and south to Whittier in three weeks. Repairing it from Whittier south to Seward "will be a long haul" because of the number of bridges out, he said.

The highway to Seward is out of the town is being supplied by air. The Alaska Highway to Attle and the Richardson Highway to Valdez are open, over.

Trucks at Anchorage, Cordova, Homer are operable, but the one at Valdez was de-

mony in the court of Judge E. A. Quaresma, of Fremont.

Rev. Kyle was arrested on Jan. 29 after allegedly threatening Clarence Alex, a Richmond realtor, and Arthur Thomas. Alex and Thomas were part of a group of four men who had gone to Kyle's office to discuss racial problems and the best ways of solving them.

Alex and Thomas remained behind after their two friends left and were subsequently ordered out of the office at 1108 Nevin Ave. at gun point, according to their testimony.

Both Alex and Kyle called police to the scene and Kyle was arrested, cutting his finger severely in a struggle with arresting officers.

Fifteen witnesses were called by Kyle's attorney Richard Frisk and Deputy District Attorney Sam Mesnick in presenting the case. Rev. Kyle is the founder and President of DISCARD, which stands for Dedicated Independent Society Committee Against Racial Demonstrations.

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## Housing Act Negro Foe Files Suit

A Negro minister, who wants to repeal the Rumford Fair Housing Act and put an end to the Negro civil rights movement in the U. S., today sued the City of Richmond for \$250,000 for false arrest.

The Rev. C. Fain Kyle, founder and executive director of Dedicated Independent Society Committee Against Racial Demonstrations, Inc. (DISCARD), was arrested in his Richmond office on the night of Jan. 29, he complains, and charged with "brandishing a gun."

He was subsequently acquitted.

**NOW HE** charges the incident was a plot by NAACP and CORE opponents to discredit his anti-demonstration movement, with the connivance of Richmond police and city officials.

What happened, he said today, is that four Negroes angered at his public espousal of anti-Rumford initiative came to his office to provoke him into some act that would lead to his arrest.

**REVERAND KYLE** insists he only ordered them to leave when the argument over civil rights got hot, and called the police to have them ejected.

**INSTEAD THE** police, who had conferred with the four Negroes ahead of the meeting, he charges, arrested the Rev. Kyle.

He complains he was "pushed, hit, beaten, partially disrobed, sworn at, cursed, abused, injured so he had to be hospitalized; refused medical aid; his own medication was taken from him."

Rev. Kyle, who has a Saturday morning broadcast over radio station KFAX and has appeared before several real estate groups as a guest speaker, founded DISCARD last November.

**HE CLAIMS** about 1,000 members, nine-tenths of them whites.

"I have been accused of belonging to the John Birch Society," says Rev. Kyle. "That is not true."

"However, it is true I have many fine friends in the John Birch Society."

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## \$500,000 Suit Over East Bay Arrest

MARTINEZ — (Special)—  
A Richmond resident yesterday sued the city, its Police Chief Charles Brown, five police officers and two civilians for \$510,002.60.

C. Fain Kyle, 60, said through attorney Richard M. Frisk that sum is his due for an incident Jan. 29 at headquarters of the Dedicated Independent Society Against Racial Demonstrations, Inc.

The complaint said that retired minister, drew a co-defendants Clarence Alex and Arthur Thomas entered the office at 1108 Nevin Ave., and called police to have him arrested when Kyle, who describes himself as a

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## Conservative's Daughter

# Birch Award for Negro Girl

The John Birch Society announced yesterday it has awarded a \$1000 scholarship to the daughter of a conservative Richmond Negro minister who opposes the Rumford Fair Housing Act and civil rights demonstrations.

Glendolyn Kyle, 17, a pre-nursing student at Contra Costa Junior College, received the award on the basis of her scholastic and civic achievement, said John H. Rousselot, Birch Society national director of public relations and one of the scholarship judges.

Miss Kyle is the daughter of Rev. C. Fain Kyle, executive director of the Dedicated

Independent Society Committee Against Racial Demonstrations.

Asked for his opinion of the National Council for Civic Responsibility, a new organization formed in the East to "tell the truth about the John Birch Society" and related groups, Rousselot replied:

"It is definitely an organization with a tenor of left-wing socialism."

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AIR MAIL - REGISTERED

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (157-342)  
RE: Reverend CLIFFORD FAIN KYLE  
Richmond, California  
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING  
(RACIAL MATTERS)

[REDACTED] (NA), Richmond, California, Police Department, advised this afternoon that he has received information that the above individual, who describes himself as a retired Negro minister, has communicated with or intends to communicate with FBI Director J. EDGAR HOOVER praising the Director's stand vs. MARTIN LUTHER KING and offering his services.

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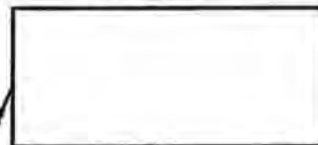
✓ [REDACTED] states that in his opinion KYLE is a publicity seeker and points out that KYLE describes himself as the founder and Executive Director of DISCARD, which he has stated to stand for Dedicated Independent Society Committee Against Racial Demonstrations, Inc. KYLE has obtained local publicity in the Richmond, California, area by publicly opposing demonstrations by Negro civil rights groups such as NAACP and CORE, the publicity usually resulting in the fact that he himself is a member of the Negro race and is taking a stand opposing his own people.

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**Court Takes  
Kyle Appeal  
Under Study**  
**3 Committees  
Established  
By DISCARD**

The three-judge appellate division of Contra Costa County Superior Court at Martinez yesterday took under submission an appeal of the Rev. Clifford Kyle, Richmond Negro minister.

Kyle had asked Richmond Municipal Court to transfer his case involving a traffic citation to a San Francisco municipal court. But this was denied and Kyle carried it to the appellate division consisting of Superior Judges Homer Patterson, Norman Gregg and Martin Rothenberg.

Last September, the Rev. Mr. Kyle received a ticket for allegedly going 39 miles an hour in a 25-mile-an-hour zone.

He pleaded innocent but asked for a change of venue on grounds he could not get a fair trial from a jury selected out of Richmond.

That personnel of the City of Richmond are prejudiced against him because of his pending half million dollar suit against the city charging false arrest.

Earlier this year Kyle was arrested on charges of brandishing a weapon in an argument with pro-civil rights leaders. A jury acquitted him.

GET A BUSINESS to rent your vacant commercial property with a Want Ad. Dial 232-2532 now to place the ad.

The Rev. Clifford Kyle, Richmond Negro minister who during the last several months headed a committee opposing racial demonstrations, has formed three more committees.

Kyle, 62, announced today that the names of the committees will be "Retain Hoover Committee," "The Four Million Yes On 14 Committee" and the "Recall Brown Committee."

"The purpose of the Keep Hoover Committee," declared the head of the Dedicated Independent Society Committee Against Racial Demonstrations (DISCARD), "is to encourage all Americans to do what they can to keep in office the director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, J. Edgar Hoover."

Kyle, a strong backer of Proposition 14, which nullified state fair housing laws, said the purpose of the "Four Million" group is to prevent a statewide movement from thwarting "the will of the people." A movement is afoot to petition the courts to declare Proposition 14 unconstitutional.

"And the purpose of the Recall Brown Group," he disclosed, "is to remove from office the man who has openly opposed the will of the people."

Kyle made announcements as "Executive Director of Public Spirited Conservatives, U.S.A., 1708 Nevin Ave., Telephone 233-1731, Richmond."

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# Kyle Wins Battle With Welfare

Rev. C. Fain Kyle and his family scored a complete victory today in their topsy-turvy battle with the Department of Social Welfare.

Following a hearing in Sacramento, the Kyles were ordered restored to the welfare rolls with full compensation for the five months during which they received no state aid.

Rev. Kyle, a Richmond Negro and an avowed foe of racial demonstrations, twice had been ordered removed from the rolls on grounds that DISCARD, an organization which he founded, had income which was available to him. DISCARD, according to Rev. Kyle, stands for Dedicated Independent Society Committee Against Racial Demonstrations.

The Kyles first were taken off Aid to Families with Dependent Children in June and missed three \$350 checks before the department changed its ruling and restored the family to the rolls with back pay.

Then, Aug. 1, the Kyles again were removed from the rolls, the department citing Kyle's possession of a 1952 Cadillac and his alleged access to funds through his activities with DISCARD.

But on appeal, Welfare Dept. Referee Maurice Rosen ruled that county officials who acted against the Kyles had failed to show that money given to DISCARD was personal income.

The ruling also held that Rev. Kyle was within his rights in refusing to disclose the financial workings of DISCARD since there was no evidence that the organization was Rev. Kyle's alter-ego.

Rev. Kyle, and wife Maxine and their six children were represented by Ernest Besig, San Francisco executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union, in their appeal.

The Kyles maintained that they had been harassed by the county welfare department because of Rev. Kyle's radio speeches in behalf of Republican presidential candidate Barry Goldwater.

"This is a victory for all persons on welfare," Rev. Kyle said this morning. "I hope it will encourage those who are being taken advantage of to appeal rather than merely accept adverse rulings."

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AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

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SUBJECT: REVEREND CLIFFORD FAIR KYLE ✓  
RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA  
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(RACIAL MATTERS)

Remyairtel 11/25/64 concerning the above individual.  
possibly contacting the Director to praise his stand vs  
MARTIN LUTHER KING.

Reverend KYLE announced in the papers yesterday that  
he has established three new committees under the Dedicated  
Independent Society Committee Against Racial Demonstrations  
(DISCARD). He announced that the names of the committees will  
be as follows:

1. Retain Hoover Committee
2. The Four Million Yes on 14 Committee.  
(This refers to the controversial Proposition  
14 on the California ballot in November which  
resulted in prohibiting laws that would  
restrict the sale of homes by individuals  
and as such nullify state fair housing laws.)
3. The Recall Brown Committee. (This refers to  
the Governor of California.)

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Reverend KYLE stated that the purpose of the Keep Hoover Committee is to encourage all Americans to do what they can to keep in office the Director of the FBI, J. EDGAR HOOVER. He stated the purpose of the second committee is to prevent a statewide movement from thwarting the will of the people since there was a movement afoot to petition the courts to declare Proposition 14 unconstitutional. The purpose of the Recall Brown Group is to remove from office the man who has openly opposed the will of the people. (It is noted that Governor BROWN expressed strong opposition to Proposition 14 prior to the election.) The announcement states that KYLE made these announcements as "Executive Director of Public Spirited Conservatives, USA, 1108 Nevin Avenue, Richmond, California."

For the information of the Bureau records of the Richmond, California, PD, furnished by Officer [redacted] revealed that Reverend KYLE was born in Tennessee 4/4/01. He resides at 4413 McGlothen Way, Richmond. He is married and is on welfare in California. Officers of the group he has labeled DISCARD include himself as President; [redacted]

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[redacted] officer.  
KYLE has the following arrest record as FBI #1987193:

> 7/26/19, arrested Mansfield, Ohio, as JOHN HARRIS, charge grand larceny; released 10/12/21.

11/8/24, traffic offense, arrested Chicago, Illinois; \$15 fine.

> 4/10/40, arrested Hartford, Connecticut, PD on sex offense involving unnatural sex action with woman other than wife. On 5/13/40 was sentenced to six months County Jail.

In 1955, KYLE rented a theater in San Diego for six months to hold religious meetings. Later he had radio program in Oakland, California, as a preacher. On 10/25/60 he filed incorporation papers for a nonprofit organization with the California State Secretary #404352 listing himself as President; [redacted]  
[redacted]

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✓ There is no indication there are any churches or religious bodies connected with this group. KYLE has claimed to be a pastor at the Morning Star Baptist Church, 1136 - 31st Street, Oakland, but the regular pastor there stated he was not on the payroll and only helped on occasions. KYLE has long been a bitter opponent of Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING and has challenged him to debate in opposition to KING's philosophies, principally that of demonstrations. KYLE has been interviewed by agents of this office in connection with establishment of the organization DISCARD and advised he has formed the organization principally in opposition to MARTIN LUTHER KING. KYLE was deputized as a Deputy Municipal Court Marshal by the San Pablo Municipal Marshal and his commission is due to expire on 1/1/65. On 1/29/64 he was arrested by Richmond Police on a charge of pulling his .38 caliber automatic on four private citizens in a dispute involving the housing bill and Negroes. He was found not guilty on a later trial stemming from this arrest, the trial involving a reduced charge of resisting arrest. Since then he has instituted a \$250,000 civil suit against the City of Richmond for damages in connection with his arrest and trial.

In view of the above, KYLE is not being further interviewed UACB.



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## Retention of FBI Chief

# Committee Seeking Gov. Brown Recall

Formation of committees seeking the recall of Gov. Edmund G. Brown, the retention of J. Edgar Hoover as director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the defeat of attempts to overturn Proposition 14 were announced yesterday.

Rev. C. Fain Kyle, conservative Negro minister from Richmond, said the first group has "foolproof" plans for having Governor Brown recalled.

The presiding bishop of the newly formed Conservative Christian Churches of America also claimed supporters of Proposition 14 would give opponents of that measure "the battle of their lives."

### PRESS CONFERENCE

Speaking at a press conference in San Francisco's Sheraton Palace Hotel, Kyle cited recent disturbances at that hotel, as well as "what's going on right now in Berkeley," as evidence of growing sentiments that "if you don't like the law, don't observe it."

One of the main purposes of his new "Keep Hoover," "The Four Million Yes On 14," and "Recall Brown" committees, Kyle said, is to see that the law is observed.

Sharing the microphone with Kyle was cochairman Robert H. Mersereau of San Francisco, who characterized himself as a "semi-retired property-owner." Kyle also announced the selection of Berkeley attorney Richard M. Frisk as general counsel for the committees.

Kyle said the decision to unveil formation of his committees yesterday had been spurred by news reports that the NAACP would meet all day tomorrow at the hotel "to map war on Proposition 14" and to develop a suit to have the proposition declared unconstitutional.

Kyle said his group would seek either a writ of mandate or an injunction to restrain CORE, the NAACP, or any other groups from having 14 declared unconstitutional, and at the very least would file a brief as "friend of the court" should such an effort reach the bench.

As to the removal from office of Gov. Brown, assailed for his outspoken opposition to "the will of the people on 14," Kyle said efforts were already underway, and that they were "ironclad" and "foolproof."

"I wish I could tell you how we're going to do it," Kyle declared, "but it's going to be the most surprising thing in the state and in the nation. We can't afford to disclose our roots. You'll know when it happens."

Kyle emphasized that the three committees were "people's committees," and that the people were going to take over and not wait for organizations as such.

He said the campaign to retain Hoover would be carried out by circulation of petitions, letter-writing throughout the nation, and television and radio broadcasting "as soon as we get the means."

Kyle said he is already heard over six radio stations in Oregon, Louisiana and California. The "Keep Hoover Committee" has members in 14 states, he added, but would disclose only that they numbered "several hundreds."

Most of the audience of about 30 in attendance at the press conference were friends of Kyle or supporters of his Conservative Christian Churches of America, Inc., formed in October in response, he said, to pulpit preachments against Proposition 14 in other churches.

### POLITICAL ARM

The non-denominational movement will not allow politics in the sanctuary, Kyle promised, but a political arm entitled Public Spirited Conservatives, U.S.A. Inc., would "screen political candidates on every level who say they're conservative to make sure the brand they're selling is correctly labeled."

Kyle also called attention to recent letters he had sent to the international Nobel Committee, asking for revocation of its 1964 Peace Prize award to the Rev. Martin Luther King, and to Hoover commending his characterization of King as "the most notorious liar in the country." The active clergyman's letters bore the title of still another organization he heads, the Dedicated, Independent Society Committee Against Racial Demonstrations, Inc., or DISCARD.

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One of the untold Christmas stories in Richmond this year concerns District Attorney John A. Nejedly and the controversial founder of DISCARD, the Rev. C. Fain Kyle.

Nejedly interrupted his Christmas Eve festivities at his home near Walnut Creek, drove to Richmond and loaned Rev. Kyle some money to tide him and his family over the holidays.

Kyle reported that only one of his welfare checks for a four-month period had been sent him and that he and his family were going to be short on extra food and gifts for Christmas as a result. (Kyle won a battle to be returned to the welfare rolls after the state challenged his right to receive aid.)

Nejedly learned about the welfare checks being late and played Santa. Kyle is to repay the money after his checks come in.

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# Rev. Kyle Asks Recall Of Brown

By ROB WOOD

SACRAMENTO (AP)—A petition for the recall of Gov. Edmund G. Brown was filed today by a Contra Costa County organization.

The group, headed by the Rev. C. Fain Kyle, listed 35 reasons why Brown should be removed from office.

After filing the petition with the Secretary of State's office, Rev. Kyle said, "We are to be advised later how many signatures are needed. Regardless of the number, however, we are sure we can gain enough to recall Mr. Brown."

Headquarters for the recall movement is Richmond, Calif.

Rev. Kyle, of Richmond, serves as presiding bishop of the Conservative Christian Churches of America and as executive director of the Dedicated Independent Society Committee Against Racial Demonstrations.

There was no immediate comment from Gov. Brown's office.

The recall petition said Brown attempted to thwart the will of the people, violated the concept of separation of church and state and sent state employees throughout California to urge a No vote on Prop. 13.

The petition also listed these recall reasons:

Appointment of Pierre Salinger to the U.S. Senate; Brown's stand against capital punishment; and fiscal policies.

The petition also accused Brown of being responsible for the rioting on the University of California campus last year; and permitting sit-ins and sleep-ins in the State Capitol in 1963.

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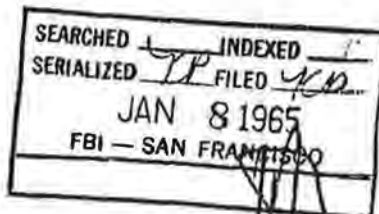
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## Kyle Forms California Recall Group

The state chairman of the Recall Brown Committee, Rev. C. Fain Kyle of Richmond, presiding bishop of Conservative Christian Churches of America, announced today the formation and incorporation of a permanent organization known as the California Recall Committee.

According to Articles of Incorporation filed with the Secretary of State in Sacramento, the purposes of the California Recall Committee are "to ferret out such elective public officers that would wrongly, illegally or unwisely misuse their public office of public trust, and to seek their removal from office by the procedure known as the recall, demanding an election of a successor to the officer sought to be removed."

The committee also would "conduct an educational campaign to enlighten California citizens in particular and American citizens in general concerning their inherent power and vested right to use the recall procedure to effect the removal of an incumbent of an elective public office for malfeasance, misfeasance or nonfeasance."

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## Kyle Seeks Recall of State Court Justices

All seven justices of the State Supreme Court were named in texts of recall petitions filed with the secretary of state Monday.

Bishop C. Fain Kyle, 4413 McElthen way, who identified himself as chairman of the California Recall Committee, Inc., and Bishop of the Conservative Christian Churches of America, Inc., filed the petitions.

The court's ruling that Propositions 14 and 15, approved by the voters in 1964, were unconstitutional prompted Kyle's objections. Proposition 14 nullified the Rumford Housing Act and Proposition 15 outlawed pay television.

Kyle said Chief Justice Roger J. Traynor and Justices Paul Peek, Mathew O. Tobriner, Raymond E. Peters and Louis H. Burke "did flagrantly thwart the will of the people by voting to declare" the propositions unconstitutional.

He criticized Justice Marshall F. McComb for voting to declare Proposition 14 unconstitutional. He charged Justice Stan-

ley Mosk with "dereliction of duty" for disqualifying himself from voting on Proposition 14.

The secretary of state's office said the petitions would require at least 590,827 valid signatures to force the governor to call a special recall election. The election would have to be called within 60-80 days after the petitions qualified.

Kyle was chairman last year of a committee which failed in an attempt to recall Gov. Edmund G. Brown.

### Gasoline Price Hike

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The retail price of gasoline in Greater Philadelphia has been boosted a cent a gallon. Refiners increased the prices by half a cent a gallon last month.



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"Minutemen"  
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Sources, who have furnished reliable information in the past, advised on the dates indicated that during the period July 2 through July 4, 1967, the following events transpired at the second annual convention of the Patriotic Party, the political arm of the "Minutemen", held in Kansas City, Kansas, and the [redacted]

[redacted]  
A characterization of the Minutemen appears in the appendix attached hereto. Sources also furnished information concerning related discussions taking place at the times of the above meetings.

Patriotic Party (PP) Convention,  
July 2, 1967 Session

A source advised on July 9, 1967, that the convention opened in Kansas City, Kansas, on July 2, 1967. [redacted] of Connecticut spoke. He said that a fantastic organization has been built from the members of the PP. He said that the organization exists in every state, and that we are going to pick members for the regional area conventions. Candidates will also be chosen for the 1968 elections. He said the Party must decide how it is to function either conventionally or unconventionally.

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The second speaker was [redacted] He said that in totaling the write-in ballots, he saw that his name was on the ballot for President of the United States many times. He said that he is flattered but cannot accept because he is a convicted felon. Even though he cannot run for office, he wants to take part in the election of the man who will be the next President. [redacted] noted that in exercising his rights as outlined in the second amendment of the constitution, he was convicted and sentenced to four years. When [redacted] was convicted he was only sentenced to one year.

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[redacted] spoke of the Minutemen of 1776. He said that one of his ancestors stood in the line which faced the British. His ancestor was the first colonial to be hanged for treason.

W [redacted] noted that Senator Dodd is the foremost advocate of restricted freedoms in this country.

The third speaker was [redacted] who gave details of his trip to the California Convention. He said he would like to take large areas of Texas that are controlled by liberals and make playgrounds for conservatives out of them. He saw impoverished areas in New Mexico and Arizona. These were Indian communities under Federal control.

He said we must remember the word "determination". We must become familiar with our individual election codes. We must find out the legal requirements to run for office. We must learn our assembly districts, counties, congressional districts, and number of precincts in our states. We must know our officials, especially those who are for the Patriotic Party. [redacted] a newsletter called the "California Patriotic". It is the official organ of the PP in that State. He said that the State Parties should start newsletters for spreading Party information. The Party should hold a lot of meetings, get new members on the mailing list.

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The next speaker was Bishop Kyle, who quoted parts of the Bible throughout his speech. He said that if you fight one another, you will consume one another. No one member must stand aloof. The only way to stay alive is to stay with the organization. Organizations must function as a body. We must live and die for one another. He told the audience that he is scheduled to appear in court on July 3, but he will not appear because the PP Convention is more important than his court date.

He said that the organization must support a weak member, and throw him our support. He said the PP must have one head just as the body has only one head. He said the Party must work like the human brain.

The next speaker was Myron Fagan. He told the audience that they were practically supporting a Party for the salvation of the United States. He said that in 1945, [redacted] made an appointment with Senator Vandenberg for Fagan. When Fagan arrived, most of the Heads of the Armed Forces were present. They showed microfilms at Yalta, including Franklin D. Roosevelt, Stalin, Hess, Molotov, and Vishinsky. Vandenberg told Fagan that he called a press conference and showed reporters the films of the betrayal. He asked the press to expose this betrayal, and the press said that it had orders from Washington not to show or talk about it. Vandenberg said that radio stations turned him down also.

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Fagan said that Harry Warner made a film called "Mission to Moscow". It showed the United States to be a terrible place to live. It showed Russia to be a great country. A man named Davies was supposed to be the author, but in reality, the real authors were Stalin, Vishinsky and Molotov.

In his talk, Fagan mentioned that Vandenberg was turned down when he asked other influential people to produce his story. Fagan said that Hollywood was the backbone of Communism in the United States and stars gave cuts of their salaries to the Communist Party.

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Fagan said that the Manifesto by Marx, the Russian Constitution and the United Nations Charter read the same. He said Henry Cabot Lodge was against the League of Nations but the United States entered it anyway.

[ ] was the next speaker. He said we will have a new national coordinator. He said we must help the Minutemen, who were arrested in New York along with [ ] and associates, fight the charges against them. He said [ ] has other people to help out as well as himself.

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PP Convention, July 3, 1967 Session

The first speaker of the day was [ ] who said that the spirit of revolution is alive in America today. He said that the conservatives will follow the man who says, "This is enough, no more retreat, lets attack".

The featured speaker was Richard B. Cotton. He said that the United States, through the Carnegie Fund, plans to overthrow the Union of South Africa. He said that President Johnson is a partner in bi-partisan treason. Johnson wants to give away the Panama Canal to Panama. The Canal Zone is American. We do not want an internationalized Canal. If the Canal is internationalized, the United Nations could decide that we are the aggressors in Vietnam and refuse to let us use the Canal. He said that Zionists have intelligence networks all over the world. The recent war was started by Israel. If the "USS Liberty" had sunk, the American people would have been told that it was sunk by the Arabs. He said that Malcolm wrote a book that says that World War I was started by Zionists. The Jews were in Germany then. Since the Jews wanted Palestine, the United States was forced into entering World War I. World War II was a continuation of the Jews' dream of obtaining Palestine. He said that if we entered World War III, we will lose.

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He said we need friends in order to win. We have only seven per cent of the world as our friends.

The afternoon speaker was [redacted] [redacted] said that the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) employed Lee Harvey Oswald to kill President Kennedy along with Jack Ruby. He said that 20,000 Russian spies were currently in Canada to brainwash Americans visiting EXPO 67.

[redacted] complained about the harrassment of patriots by the government, especially the Internal Revenue Service, [redacted] who is a leader of B'nai Brith Anti-Defamation League. He said that the United States is in a treasonable alliance with Zionism, thus explaining our position in the Israeli-Arab War.

The same source advised that after the days speeches, [redacted]

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PP Convention, July 4, 1967 Session

The same source advised that [redacted] was the only speaker of the day. He mentioned the problem of electing State officers. He said we must build a political apparatus rather than having an organization which chooses or supports a candidate. He said there is a difference of night and day between the platform of the PP and the platforms of the Republican or Democratic Parties. He said any candidate we support must support the Party wholeheartedly. There is no quick solution to victory. If we lose in 1968, we must not let our political organization break up. We must fight again in 1972. This Party supports George Wallace for President, and [redacted] for Vice President in 1968.

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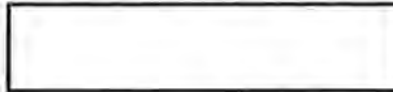
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The same source advised that some of the members of the Minutemen and PP, who were present at the convention were as follows:



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"MINUTEMEN"

The "Minutemen" was organized in June, 1960. Its present headquarters are Warborne Missouri, and [redacted] is the national coordinator. Statements by [redacted] and literature distributed by the organization in the past indicated its purpose to be the resistance to, and exposure of, the spread of Communist influence within the United States; for the formation of a guerrilla or underground organization to combat the troops of any foreign powers which might eventually occupy this country; and resist passage of laws which would regulate private ownership of firearms.

The Kansas City Star Newspaper, Kansas City, Missouri, has on numerous occasions, carried various articles concerning [redacted] and the "Minutemen," wherein it was stated that members of the organization participate in maneuvers utilizing guerrilla tactics with machine guns, mortars, grenades, and other firearms.

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[redacted] has publicly stated on numerous occasions that the "Minutemen" as an organization does not buy or store arms or ammunition; however, the individual members of the organization maintain arms and ammunition, which is their constitutional right.

"Minutemen" literature mailed to members in the past has furnished instructions in the use of explosives and has also given details for the making of explosive compounds from such readily accessible ingredients as a common fertilizer, ammonium nitrate.

In May, 1966, a confidential source advised

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## Bishop Kyle Cancels His Talk Here

Bishop C. Fain Kyle, executive director of the Dedicated Independent Society Committee Against Racial Demonstrations, Inc., has cancelled an appearance scheduled for Friday night at Thousand Oaks Elementary School.

His address on "The One Effective Way to Combat and Defeat Communism" was to be presented by the T.A.C.T. Committee of Berkeley.

Rev. Kyle, who resides in Richmond and is widely known as a Negro conservative radio news analyst and commentator, told the Gazette he has decided not to appear at Thousand Oaks School because of possible misunderstanding as to the theme of his address.

"BEING A minister, I believe I have an effective way to fight Communism, but I am not involved in Berkeley's affairs and problems or the war on poverty. My theme is nothing inflammatory and I don't see Berkeley as any worse than any other city.

"It has always been my firm policy never to discuss any topic or subject, nor to make any statement, about anything whatever until I first have satisfactory documentary evidence.

"I am canceling out my Berkeley address due to what was evidently a misunderstanding. It is not my desire to cause trouble.

"I BELIEVE Communism is a godless system and therefore the head of it must be Satan himself. This is a spiritual fight and you can't take a gun or other physical weapons, such as prayer and truth. America will have to return to being a God-fearing and God-obeying nation before its problems such as polarization, violence, assassinations, civil disorders, prejudice, hatred, discrimination and even monetary trouble will be solved."

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